

# **SOUTH DEERFIELD WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT**

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## **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS - ANNUAL REPORT** **ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING – APRIL 24, 2024**

FY2024 proved to be another productive and active year for the South Deerfield Water Supply District. This past year we were saddened to announce the unexpected passing of one of our sitting Water Commissioners, R. David Wells in January. We also lost our former Treasurer/Collector, Sue Apanell, that same month. On behalf of the entire South Deerfield Water Supply District we continue to offer our condolences to the Wells and Apanell families.

FY2024 saw many accomplishments including securing a \$213,000 grant to meet new EPA requirements for a service line inventory within the entire district, as well as updating records. This past year we continued to aggressively pay down existing debt for recent water main replacement projects. Water main replacement of Stockbridge Road has been completed, maintenance and inspections of one of our dams was completed, as well as a new Capital Improvement and Asset Management Plan with a required Rate Study Plan currently underway.

The Commissioners have worked hard to present yet another fiscally responsible and restrained budget for the upcoming fiscal year, FY2025 starting July 1, 2024 for the voters consideration. The FY2025 budget offers just a slight overall increase (less than 1%) over the prior fiscal year's budget, mostly due to the increase in the cost of supplies and services. This is the first increase to the overall budget in many years. This budget also continues to aggressively pay down debt for the recent water main replacement projects of Eastern Avenue and Graves Street, continues to adequately fund our operations, and provides for future investment in water main and infrastructure replacement. Water Taxation Rates were also decreased once again this past year.

We are looking forward to another busy and active year once again, with many projects planned – including the replacement of the Raw Water Line at our Roaring Brook Filtration Plant, an EPA required inventory of all service lines



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throughout the district, software/hardware updates, and many other projects as well as our continuous daily operations.

The Board of Water Commissioners would like to express our continued appreciation for our state, local, and private partners – as well as our outstanding Water Operators, Superintendent, and staff who all aid in the ongoing delivery of water to the homes and businesses that we serve.

We look forward to providing a safe and adequate supply of water to the South Deerfield Water Supply District – and thank all our residents and business owners for their ongoing support.

Respectfully Submitted,

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
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